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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the launching of the National Horticulture Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the manner in which the mission is likely to prove beneficial for the growth of horticulture in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The CCEA has approved the launching of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) with an outlay of Rs.2300 crore for the X Plan period. The Mission would address the development of horticulture duly ensuring end to end approach covering production, post harvest management and marketing.

(c): The Mission envisages assistance for promoting production through supply of good quality planting material, coverage of new areas with improved varities, rejuvenation of senile orchids, integrated pest management, creation of infrastructure for disease forecasting, post harvest management and marketing, which will ultimately help in overall development of horticulture in the country.